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Echoes from Mist-land; or the Nibelungen Lay Revealed to Lovers of Romance and Chivalry. By AUBER FORESTIER. Chicago: S. C. Griggs & Co. 1889.

In his introduction the author first gives, in outline, the history of the discovery of the manuscripts and the labor spent on the poem since it was brought to light. He then pays due tribute to the scholars who have devoted themselves to the subject in one way or another, among them Jordan in his epics, Wagner in his operas, Morris in his translations, and Schnorr in his paintings at Munich. After stating that the Indian, Persian, Grecian, and Teutonic branches of the Aryan family are rich in epic possessions, he discusses the epics of the first two and their relation to the third. He describes how our forefathers brought from their eastern home the myths which, transplanted to Germany, gradually developed into a system of mythology, reflecting religious, moral, intellectual, and social development; how christianity, endeavoring to drive out even the memory of the old pagan faith, finally drove to the recently discovered island a number of noble families who were cultured in the highest ideals of Teutonic faith. Their myths went with them and there found a place in the great Icelandic literary monuments, the Eddas. Twenty pages are devoted to the comparison of characters in the Nibelungen Lay with prominent characters in old Norse mythology. The introduction closes with a section in which the author, so far as possible, locates geographically the principal incidents of the poem, and explains the manner in which the historical personages, Attila and Dietrich, became connected with the original myths. In presenting the Lay itself Mr. Forestier, writing for the general reader rather than for specialists, has avoided a literal rendering, and has retold in simple English prose the great epic of Germany. He has held strictly to the incidents and has reproduced very successfully the spirit of the original, following the text of Karl Simrock. For those who do not care to study the original, this book is probably the most satisfactory thing in English.

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Deutsche Erziehung, von Dr. Fritz Schultze. Leipsic, 1893.

It was my good fortune some years ago to listen to the substance of this book in a course of lectures delivered by Prof. Schultze in Dresden. The splendid oratory, profound thought, and burning enthusiasm of the young professor were then an inspiration. The book is as faithful a reflection of the lectures as printed page can be of spoken words. Better speakers than Prof. Schultze are rare, and it may be doubted whether any German writes clearer German.